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Fortunately, interior designer Barbara Bell did. When House Beautiful asked the Home Depot to help redo Wright's kitchen, the company recruited Bell, one of the King of Prussia store's design specialists, to mastermind the makeover, with the assistance of kitchen designer Gladys Schulten. Bell and her new client hit it off instantly. They discovered they both loved Tuscan style and zeroed in on cinnamon-colored granite counters, tumbled marble wall tiles, and traditional cabinets in a butternut glaze.

Appliances-new from General Electric, except for Wright's one-year-old KitchenAid stove-were arranged for efficiency and maximum storage. The sink remained under the window, but a standard bowl was replaced with an extra-deep model to handle the large pots this avid cook often uses. To the left of the sink a narrow(18-inch) dishwasher- perfectly adequate for the family of three-was installed. Moving the refrigerator slightly created room for brand-new pantry cabinets. The oven shifted too and a vented microwave was placed above it.

The designer is proudest of the new floor, which is composed of 12-by-12-inch tiles set in a grid of painstakingly cut red oak. The homeowner's favorite part of the kitchen? The glass-front upper cabinets, where she can display the pottery she has collected over the years. "If the lights inside the cabinets are on, everything looks so pretty," says Wright. "Instead of being the low point of the house, the kitchen is now the high point."



Designer Barbara Bell (right, at left) and HB reader Joan Wright warmed up a drab kitchen(above) with wall and floor tile from Dal-Tile and plank flooring from Bruce Harwood (top). The fluorescent ceiling fixture was replaced with recessed halogen cans and under-cabinet task lights.